

Appl. No.: 09/880,695  
Group Art Unit: 1621  
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b)(1)

**Remarks**

Claims 1-3 are cancelled. Claim 3 (on appeal) was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,672,781 (Koehler). The cancellation of Claim 3 does not affect the scope of any other pending claim, renders the rejection moot, and obviates the need for an appeal.

Claim 4 was indicated as allowable (Paper No. 11) and is the sole pending claim.

No fees are believed due, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due (or credit any fees owed) to Deposit Account No. 05-1177.

**Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 4 is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If anything further is needed to advance the allowance of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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